



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

AGENDA BILL

Monday, December 12, 2022

Subject: Letter of Support - Mercer Island Marine Patrol Funding

Category: City Business

Staff Contact: Stephen R. Burns, City Manager

Summary

On November 11, 2022, the city of Medina received a letter from the City of Mercer Island requesting legislative support for an appropriation request in the upcoming State of Washington Legislative Session for funding to replace two of the Mercer Island marine patrol vessels. In part, *"We are very pleased to be offering marine patrol services to the City of Medina and we are writing to ask you to support Representative Tana Senn's appropriation request in the upcoming State Legislative Session for funding to replace two of the Mercer Island marine patrol vessels."*

This is being brought in front of the Medina City Council to discuss and decide on how to proceed with this request. Mercer Island provides marine patrol services to the Points Communities of Medina, Hunts Point, and starting in 2023 Yarrow Point.

As a Council, you can take a range of actions from full support to outright rejection. Whatever the result, a Council resolution would be the appropriate vehicle to specify the issue, benefits/detriments, decision, and ensuing action(s), including notice of the results back to Mercer Island.

From a budget perspective, Medina (like the other cities serviced) would benefit from the Mercer Island getting the State funding as it would lower the shared operational costs and enhance the fleet.

Attachments

1. Letter From City of Mercer Island - Marine Vessel Replacement
2. Mercer Island Marine Patrol Vessel Replacement – 2023 Legislative Priority
3. Mercer Island Final 2023 Legislative Priority

Budget/Fiscal Impact: Cost savings for the city with a lower shared operational cost.

Recommendation: Approve.

City Manager Approval:

Proposed Council Motion: *"I move to support the City of Mercer Island's request for legislative backing for an appropriation request in the upcoming State of Washington Legislative Session for funding to replace two of the Mercer Island marine patrol vessels and direct staff to bring a Resolution of support at the January 2023 City Council Meeting"*

Time Estimate: 10 minutes